

Music Circus To Start 29th Season Yet Problems Lurk

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Concerned citizens and Music Circus officials are awaiting legal actions before the court

— over increasing doses of noise and traffic charged by the former and a counter-suit for adverse publicity and harassment by the latter.

Where the matter rests now



ENERGY CRISIS doesn't bother Emily Spencer who relies on Popsicle and pedal power.

Deer Hill Students Visit Duxbury Outdoor School

The fifth grade students at the Deer Hill School attended the ninth annual Outdoor School at Camp Wing in Duxbury recently.

The Deer Hill Outdoor School program objective is to provide students with an enriching experience of educational activities beyond their traditional classroom. In each subject, there is learning carried on outdoors, fulfilling the ideal that learning and doing go together. The influence of the woodland setting, close personal association and responsibility is expected to result in a positive outlook on education, a broader understanding of each other and a greater appreciation of nature.

The curriculum, under the direction of 10 teachers and 26 junior leaders chosen from the freshman class of CHS, includes astronomy, nature art, nature poetry, map skills, survival in the outdoors, conservation and ecology. Junior leaders assisted teachers with cabin, dining room and activity supervision. The services of the regular camp personnel included a chef, kitchen employees and water safety instructors.

The recreational program concentrated on the camp

facilities for swimming, fishing, boating and archery.

Deer Hill teachers accompanying the 140 students were: Jean Bowman, Peter Chute, Marie Donovan, Pauline Gallagher, Nancy Gilmore, Denise Henderson, Terry Lynch, Joan McDermott, Larry Schultz and Susan Sadler.

Storytellers

A storytellers' workshop will be sponsored by the Cohasset Public Library Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the children's room.

The two-hour workshop will feature easy but effective techniques for sharing picture books with young children including fingerplays, felt boards presentations and puppets.

Rawson was unable to say because he doesn't know. "It's a case of hyperbole," Rawson said of the Sohier St. traffic brouhaha which caused motorists to usurp use of the road a few nights two summers ago creating a one-way situation. Rawson said that one-way traffic isn't in danger of happening again as there are ample Music Circus and Police Department personnel to direct motorists to keep the road two-way.

Neither does Rawson consider the general traffic impact on Cohasset a problem. "I can't think of any other street in Cohasset where citizens are less affected than on Sohier Street. There are few homes, it's directly off Route 3, it's an excellent location."

As for the noise complaints, Rawson said that Circus has passed the most rigorous of state and federal tests, and that people who complain of the "escaped sound" are upset because it's there, not because it's loud.

"We had never quantified our sound before," Rawson said when he had an engineer from the Department of Environmental Engineering (DEQE) come down and test the outdoor sound conditions. "We were way, way within the guidelines of the DEQE," Rawson said.

To further satisfy the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements, which are more stringent than the

state's, the Circus had a private acoustical engineering firm, Bolt, Beranik and Newman of Cambridge, analyze escaped sound under the most extreme conditions. That test was performed to the tunes of the Duke Ellington Orchestra.

"Under the most extreme conditions, while close to upper tolerance of the EPA, we are still within and meeting their guidelines. Any other opinions are subjective," Rawson said.

Rawson acknowledged, however, that escaped sound is subject to wind direction and humidity levels which can cause sound to travel more sometimes than others. He maintained, however, that the noise never approaches that of airplanes passing.

Last week, while all last minute arrangements were being made and while ticket sales were starting up hot and

heavy, a new wrinkle over the weekday entertainment license appeared. It seems, as Rawson and Selectman Arthur Clark attest, that the dates on a license had been inserted incorrectly. The Selectmen's clerk had used the last year's license season closing date of Sept. 4; this year's end falls on the 15th, a date which couldn't have been known about ahead of time, Rawson explained. When the correct date was substituted for the old, it simply corrected the clerical error, Rawson said. It in no way illegally extended the season, Clark said, as some would have made it sound.

There are lots of rumors, gripes, and questions flying over the Music Circus, but one thing is for sure — that people from Cohasset and everywhere will particularly enjoy the 1979 Festival of Special Events this summer.

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Water Dept. Tour

The Board of Water Commissioners invites the public to attend an informal open house at the new Water Treatment Facility on King Street Sunday June 10 from 1 to 5 p.m.

The new facility officially opened May 11, 1978 and the last year has been spent in finely honing all processes within the department. The Aaron River Dam and Reservoir was completed during that time and is now in use. Visits to the dam and reservoir will also be a part of the open house.

The cleaning of the town's water storage standpipe last December brought in a lot of complaints about dirty-looking water. But thanks to that cleaning, Water Superintendent Edwin Pratt said there have been no rusty water complaints in months.

Pratt is confident that the synchronized functioning of the entire system will continue to provide ample and clean water to Cohasset residents.

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